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### **Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2010 & Regulatory Impact Statement Public Exhibition**

Notice is given in accordance with Section 5 of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989* of the intention to re-make a regulation under the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*. The objects of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* are to conserve, develop and share the fishery resources of the State for the benefit of present and future generations. The *Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2002* seeks to ensure the objects of the Act are achieved by promoting ecologically sustainable fishing and viable fishing industries that provide social and economic benefit to NSW. It is proposed to make a new Regulation under the Act, the *Fisheries Management (General) Regulation 2010*. The proposed Regulation and Regulatory Impact Statement will be available for public comment from **Wednesday 2 June 2010 to Friday 2 July 2010** and can be accessed by via the Industry and Investment NSW website [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/about/legislation-acts/review](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/about/legislation-acts/review) or by phoning (02) 9527 8506. **Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 2 July 2010.** Written submissions on the proposed Regulation will be accepted by mail, fax or email as set out below.

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### **Patrol of NSW coast saves hundreds of abalone**

Two men and a juvenile observed diving on the Far NSW South Coast, have allegedly been found in possession of hundreds of illegally taken abalone. NSW Water Police Officers observed suspicious diving activity at Leatherjacket Bay, south of Eden. This led to a joint agency response involving NSW Police and Industry & Investment NSW Fisheries Officers, during which the men were approached and allegedly found in possession of 736 abalone and diving gear. Most of the abalone was able to be returned to the water alive which is a great outcome for both agencies involved. The daily bag limit for abalone in NSW is two per person in waters open to the taking of abalone. Information on illegal diving or fishing should be reported immediately to the Abalone Compliance Group on 02 6499 8000 or your local Industry & Investment NSW Fisheries office.

### **Fish get leg up on the Wallamba**

Native fish will be able to move more freely along the Wallamba River, near Nabic, thanks to the construction of another 'fishway'. Many of Wallamba's native fish, such as Australian Bass, need to move between fresh and estuarine water to reproduce. Others such as mullet, eels, gudgeons and galaxids also need to migrate to complete their lifecycles. Man-made barriers like Dargavilles Crossing prevent this and can lead to a decline in fish numbers. Construction of the fishway at Dargavilles Crossing, 23 kilometres northwest of Forster, has already commenced as a collaborative project between Industry and Investment NSW, Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority (CMA), Greater Taree City Council and the NSW Recreational Fishing Trusts.

### **Jag a fish and catch yourself a fine**

Fishers on the NSW North coast are being warned that the practice of fish jaggging or foul hooking will not be tolerated. The warning follows reports of a spate of illegal fish jaggging between South West Rocks and Tweed Heads. Fish jaggging is an illegal activity used by unscrupulous fishers where by a treble hook and weight is retrieved with a jerking action in an effort to foul hook a fish from a dense school. This method is prohibited in NSW as it can cause substantial injuries to fish that are not actually captured.

Fish jaggging is also extremely dangerous to people on the rock walls or other locations, as often the hook and weight end up hurtling out of the water with great force back towards the fisher and any bystanders. Fisheries Officers will be patrolling known hot spots for jaggging and will not hesitate to issue on the spot fines for anyone found breaking the rules. A summary of the recreational fishing rules for NSW coastal areas are available at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries), and in the 2010 NSW Recreational Saltwater Fishing Guide. The free guides are available from Industry & Investment NSW offices, and fishing licence agents, as well as bait and tackle shops. Anyone witnessing illegal fishing activity should report it immediately to their local Industry & Investment NSW Fisheries Offices or the Fisher's Watch Line on 1800 043 536.